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Sent: Friday, March 20, 2009 4:15 PM
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Subject: FW: Draft Proposed Amendments to COMAR 10.24.17

Pam

I hope you're feeling well. I'm glad you're back on the job. We missed you.

Thank you for seeking public comments on the proposed amendments to COMAR 10.24.17 regarding Primary PCI Programs.

Calvert Memorial Hospital would like to recommend that rural communities, including Calvert County, with hospitals without PCI capability, be required to provide primary PCI not to exceed 120 minutes from patient arrival. It is not reasonable to establish the same standard for urban and suburban institutions whose travel times are much less than rural hospitals. For example, it would take approximately one hour or greater for an ambulance to transport a patient from Calvert County to a PCI Center by ground. If the standard is 90 minutes or less for door-to-balloon time, then this standard cannot possibly be met unless the PCI Center can provide the service within 30-minutes.

For the period of October through December 2008, our door-to-balloon time averaged 113.4 minutes with the Washington Hospital Center, well within the current standard, but exceeding the proposed standard. The only way we can achieve the new standard is to require Medstar Health to locate a helicopter on our campus all the time.. I'm not sure if this is possible and would certainly be a very expensive solution to meet the standard.

I hope the Commission would consider our recommendation in drafting the final amendments to the regulation.

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Cc: Dolores Sands; Pam Barclay

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The Commission is seeking informal public comment on draft proposed amendments to COMAR 10.24.17. I have

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